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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

SCOTTISH MINERS RESUME.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 8, 8.30 p.m.

Except in Fifeshire, the Scottish miners have made a general start.—Reuter.

NEARING THE END.

London, April 8, 4 a.m.

The ending of the strike is received with intense relief by all classes throughout the whole country, including even the miners in many districts where they had overwhelmingly voted for a continuance of work. Here and there dissatisfaction is expressed. This is most intense in Yorkshire and Fifeshire, where meeting of the men have decided again that work shall not be resumed until the minimums are fixed, and have clamoured for the resignation of the leaders.

MORE TROUBLE.

Moreover, the claims of the enginemen in Durham threaten to bring about a deadlock similar to that in South Wales. The owners offer arbitration, but the enginemen insist on compliance with their demands before they resume work. The removal of coal from Pendlebury Colliery, near Manchester, on Saturday, led to a serious riot. The colliery offices were wrecked. The police were stoned, and made baton charges, many being injured on both sides.—Reuter.

M. C. C. TEAM.

WELCOME HOME.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 8, 4 a.m.

The M.C.C. cricket team, on returning from Australia, were given a fervent welcome by a crowd of enthusiasts at Charing Cross. Mr. P. F. Warner declared that he had quite recovered, and was ready to play immediately.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

MANY APPOINTMENTS.

[From Chinese Sources.]

Shanghai, April 8.

General Koung Kwai-tai has been appointed Adjutant Tartar General at Jehol, and Cho Yui has been appointed Treasurer for the Chihli province.

President Yuan Shih-kui has given the post of Minister of the Interior in Hupeh, to Tan Tsung-cheung.

Tang Chai-wi will probably be appointed Chief Advisor to the General Staff, while Yuan Haktung, son of President Yuan, has accepted the position of manager to the Lumelov Kaiping Coal Mining Company.

TRAMWAYS FOR PEKING.

The Belgian merchants are making a hard struggle to secure the contract for building tramways in Peking.

THE ASSEMBLY MOVES.

The Nanking Assembly holds its last sitting to day prior to removing to Peking.

DR. SUN'S ITINERARY.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, accompanied by about twenty members of the Delegates Assembly, is proceeding to Wuchang on board the cruiser Luen King. The officials of the various departments are making great preparations to accord him a hearty welcome.—"Shat Po."

FRIENDS INDEED.

Getting married in Macedonia is a somewhat more risky affair than in most other countries. When there is any objection to a match, on the part of any relatives or friends of either party, these people are ready to go even to the length of pulling down a church to prevent the ceremony.

A young Serb shepherd, named Elias Yegrenitch, was anxious to marry at the village of Bogday. The Albanians of the district said the girl he was to marry had joined an Albanian and they were going to prevent her marriage with the Serb. They had already stopped the match twice previously, first by demolishing a bridge over which the wedding party would have to pass, and then by abducting the priest.

Now they have destroyed the church at Bogday, and once more have succeeded in at least postponing the happy day.

TELEGRAMS.

MOTOR OUTRAGES.

LEADERS CAPTURED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 8, 5.25 a.m.

Up to the present there have been thirteen arrests in connection with the French motor outrages, including one of the alleged ring-leaders, named Calfein, nicknamed "Science," who was carrying three automatic pistols. The band is supposed to number sixteen, besides a dozen confederates, and the police believe they have information which will enable them to seize the whole gang. The arrests so far have been most cleverly affected, leaving no chance for resistance.—Reuter.

THE MANILA BLAZE.

Origin of Fire Unknown.

The following is from the "Manila Times" of April 3:—

A policeman with a motorcycle will stand guard to-night, ready to dash a thousand yards to the lone firebox in front of Pandacan church, should the flames from the million peso fire start to lap the framework of the sheds of the Manila railroad company or the shipbuilding yards of the Manila navigation company.

At 6 o'clock this afternoon Chief Dingman's firefighters will bid farewell, at least for a time, to the work that has been engaging them since Sunday night at 8.30 o'clock. Though the 3,320,000 gallons of oil still burn, and probably will continue to do so till next Sunday night, they no longer constitute a menace.

Only in the event of a violent wind from the east or west would property be endangered. And should this occur, the motorcycle policeman will sound the alarm in ample time for the speedy motor engine from Pao to reach the scene.

To-day the Standard Oil Company is removing the contents of the warehouse that stands within 100 yards of the fire. There are about 15,000 cases of gasoline in the warehouse. At times, on Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday, it appeared as though the flames would claim the warehouse, but the intense effects of heat were minimized by a stream of water that played constantly on the front of the building.

Chief Dingman said this morning that the origin of the fire would probably never be known. While there are many theories, none has any visible evidence to support it.

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

STEAMER SEIZED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, April 8, 8.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Port Said reports that the Italian subventioned merchant cruiser Ducadi Genova has captured a Greek steamer carrying contraband and has taken her to Tobruk.—Reuter.

THE BLOCKADE.

London, April 8, 2.15 p.m.

Italy has extended the blockade of the Southern Yemen coast northward, so as to include Lohela.—Reuter.

AMERICAN COURT

AFFRAY.

Further Details.

The following message from Roanoke, Virginia, dated March 14, amplifies the account of this incident sent by Reuter:—

Reports have reached here that the Circuit Judge, the Sheriff, and the Attorney of Hallsville, a village in a remote section of the Blue Mountains, have been murdered in open Court.

It appears that the murders were committed by a gang of moonlighters, one of whose members was on trial. When the prisoner had been sentenced, his two brothers and several friends opened fire with revolvers. The Judge fell dead in his seat on the Bench at the first volley. The men then turned their weapons on the prosecuting Attorney, who dropped dead with several bullets in his brain. The Sheriff made a frantic effort to reach the men, but was killed before he had taken ten steps. Several of the jurors who had tried the case were wounded, and it is probable that one of them will not recover. Finally the assailants slowly backed out of the room, revolvers in hand, and mounting their horses, quickly disappeared.

Later.

The Clerk of the Court and one of the jurors have since died.

The assailants are known as the Allen gang and have long ruled Carroll County with a high hand. Floyd Allen, whose sentence was the goal for to-day's crime, recently rode into the town at the head of 50 mountaineers and released a number of prisoners belonging to the clan from the county jail. For this he was found guilty to-day. The trial of his brother for the same crime was to have followed.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND TIBET.

A HOLY WAR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, April 9, 7.5 a.m.

Rumours are rife among the Dalai Lama's officials at Lhasa that there has been heavy fighting between the Tibetans and Chinese.

It is said that Chinese soldiers attacked a Tibetan monastery near Lhasa and that the monks retaliated vigorously.

A kind of holy war is proceeding.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, April 8.

Some time last year several companies of Cantonese troops were despatched to Nanking to take part in the contemplated attack upon Peking. Now that their services are no longer necessary they are being transported back to Canton. On April 5 the 1st, 2nd and 3rd battalions of the Cantonese troops returned here from Nanking and took up their quarters at the northern parade ground.

Ever since the declaration of independence in Canton the finances have been in a state of confusion and Li Yuk-tung, the head of the Finance Department has so far failed to adjust the same. This has led to great criticism and the Governor General has telegraphed to Shanghai to Mr. Chow Lu, a financial expert, and ex-vicounting store officer for the Cantonese troops, ordering him to return to Canton to adjust financial matters.

The Governor General has issued a proclamation in which he says that the appointment of Magistrates for the various districts is a matter of great importance. He says that he will shortly appoint some just and upright gentlemen to go round from district to district enquiring into the administrative abilities of the Magistrates, and the manner in which they discharge their duties. Their retention of office will depend upon the reports received. The Governor General counsels the Magistrates to suppress local evil-doers, to punish the gentry who oppress the villagers, to enforce compulsory education, to promote local industries and to effect general reforms.

An epidemic of bubonic plague has broken out in the village of Whampoa in the Pun U district. The disease is spreading and is responsible for many deaths daily. Well-to-do people are leaving the district and taking refuge in Hongkong and Canton. The authorities are requisitioning medical aid from Canton.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

BONAR LAW AT BELFAST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, April 9, 7.5 a.m.

Mr. Bonar Law while en route to Belfast, where to-morrow he will address a great anti-Homo Rule demonstration, was given a tremendous reception at Larne, where he was met by large crowds and bands. The national anthem was sung and rockets were fired.

The ovations were continued at Belfast.—Reuter.

PURCHASING PEWS.

Spirited bidding among wealthy members of Sinai Temple Chicago for the first choice of pews closed from the formal dedication of the new edifice. Julius Rosenwald, who was the highest bidder, paid \$5000 for the first choice, and immediately afterward gave \$20,000 to purchase seats for others whom the congregation might select. Several seats bought \$4000 each. Numerous pews were sold for more than \$2000 each.

A SURGEON'S EXPERIMENT.

Dr. Bertram Alden, chief surgeon at the City Hospital, San Francisco, on February 21, essayed to remove his own appendix, and had partially completed the operation when his friends intervened. In an interview Dr. Alden said he had demonstrated that the spinal anaesthesia, which he has used in his operations, does not completely dull the senses, and also that a skillful surgeon can unaided perform such an operation on himself without fear of consequences. This remarkable surgical experiment was performed in the presence of two of Dr. Alden's colleagues, Dr. Thomas O'Connor and Dr. Mardis. Dr. Alden started the operation and had almost completed it when Mr. Mardis, fearing the test might end in a tragedy, threatened to quit the room unless Dr. Alden desisted. "I could have completed the thing single-handed," said Dr. Alden. "I injected the spinal anaesthesia myself, and I made all the preliminary incisions without the slightest difficulty. In fact, I laid bare the folds of flesh until I reached the inflamed organ. I could have finished, as I began, without aid, but the other physicians dreaded a slip of the scalpel and commanded me to stop, threatening to leave me if I persisted in completing the operation." New York doctors interviewed regarding Dr. Alden's experiment declare that it proves nothing except, "rather vulgar advertising."

TELEGRAMS.

RUGBY.

ENGLAND'S VICTORY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, April 9, 7.5 a.m.

In the Rugby international England defeated France by 18 points to eight, at Paris.—Reuter.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Manila Papers.)

Washington, April 1.

Reports from the anthracite coal regions show that 400,000 miners have gone on strike to enforce the demands which the mine owners refused at the Cleveland conference. Other men are quitting and it is claimed the number of strikers will within a few days reach half a million. So far the strike has been orderly and at no point is there indication of serious trouble. Both sides express confidence in the outcome. Efforts are already being made to renew the conference but neither side appears ready to act as yet.

April 2.

The final vote in the House of Representatives on the Underwood wool bill was 180 to 92. Twenty progressive Republicans broke away from their party and voted with the Democratic majority. The action of the House in support of the bill is taken as an indication of the attitude toward the bill which will be assumed by the progressive Republicans in the Senate, and it is generally believed the upper house will pass the bill. The President and his advisers have been engaged for some time in determining how far the bill squares with the wool report of the tariff commission.

The resolution for the neutralization of the Philippines, presented by Chairman Jones of the House committee on insular affairs, has been favourably reported by the same committee and an effort is to be made to expedite its passage. It is to be called up at an early date and the general understanding is that it will be put through by the Democratic majority. The resolution directs the President to secure from the Powers an agreement whereby the Philippine islands will be recognized as neutral territory and treated as such. Chairman Jones prepared and introduced the resolution as part of his project to inaugurate a probationary Filipino government in 1913, with a president appointed by the American government, and finally institute an independent government in 1921.

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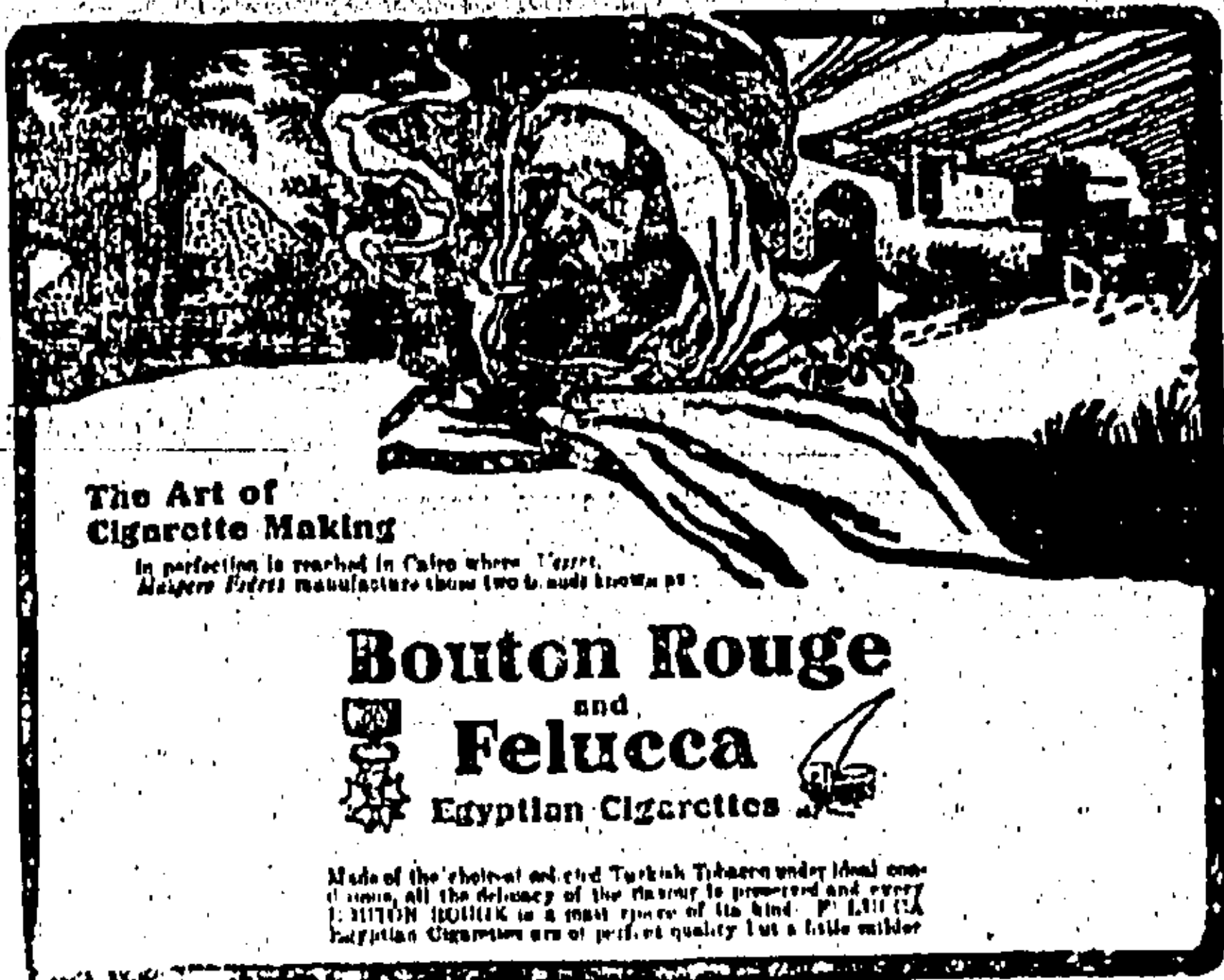
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China Mail.

Leaders of Men.

At the present moment China is badly in want of a great leader. Yuan Shih-kai, who has maneuvered so far fairly well and secured a topmost position for himself, is not trusted by the great bulk of the Chinese people in the North, while in the South this distrust takes an even more violent form. He is looked upon by a good many foreign observers, too, as a mere opportunist, and his sincerity is still greatly doubted. Looking over the whole field of Chinese politics at the moment it would seem that here in the Far East we are suffering from the same curse of mediocrity which has fallen as a consuming blight upon the West. No one towers head and shoulders above his fellows, and no one among either the Peking or Nanking factions has the courage to take an independent lead and start upon a strong and resolute policy such as the times so imperatively demand.

Daily Press.

China's Deficit.

As most of our readers will be aware, since Mr. Morse published his book, National Budgets have been instituted in China. The revenue and expenditure have to be calculated a year in advance, and the figures correspond very closely to those given by Mr. Morse, which shows how carefully the "imaginary statement" must have been compiled. The Premier in his speech last week stated that by last year's Budget, the total income of the whole nation was over T's. 297,000,000, while the expenditure amounted to more than T's. 350,000,000. Thus there was a deficit of no less than T's. 54,000,000. An extraordinary outlay of over T's. 24,000,000 swelled the deficit to over T's. 78,000,000. Besides this large deficit, there was foreign loans and foreign indemnities which had not been paid since last year; these two items, he said, would amount to about T's. 50,000,000. Since the 5th moon of last year the sum borrowed from the Four Nations' Syndicate for currency reforms, for the construction of the Canton-Hankow-Szechuen and other Railways, and for helping the markets, would be about T's. 200,000,000, on which interest at 5 per cent. would absorb T's. 10,000,000, which Mr. Tang said augmented the deficit to T's. 88,000,000. This amount, as the figures have been quoted clearly show, does not include the T's. 50,000,000 in arrears in respect of foreign indemnities, so that the total deficit, so far as the above figures take us, is T's. 138,000,000. Mr. Tang pointed out that since the revolution broke out eighty army divisions had been maintained in the south.

South China Morning Post.

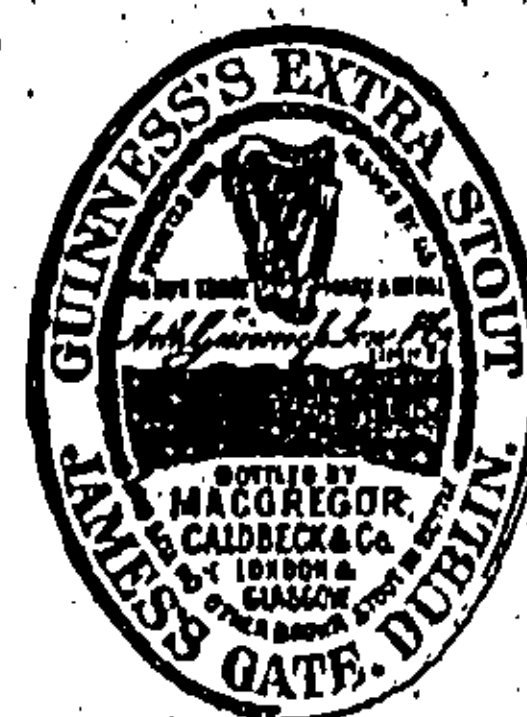
The Outlook.

Now that the Revolution has ended the indications are that a great future lies ahead of China. Of this Dr. Sun Yat-sen constituted himself the prophet when, some months ago, he boldly predicted that under the new Government the country's foreign trade alone would multiply an hundredfold. With him the revolution is an event of the past. Manchu power has been completely overthrown and all its retarding influence swept aside. For Dr. Sun, however, the end is not yet. The real hard, earnest work of regeneration is only at its commencement, and towards the realization of his prophecy Dr. Sun is wearied by the strenuous labors of the past few months. He is already not himself heart and soul. The stupendous task of social, moral and industrial reform is now about to begin. Upon this he is convinced, depends the future of his country, and the livelihood of China's millions.

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WOMEN'S WORLD

[Items of interest to women, notices of forthcoming and notes on recent social events, and kindred paragraphs will be cordially welcomed. The co-operation of our lady readers is asked in order to make this feature at once especially interesting and useful.]

The House Frock.

Dresses for the house and costumes for street wear are being adorned with waistbands made entirely of black patent leather or of the material like the rest of the gown, with touches of leather introduced in strap style. The waist line is just a trifle raised, and the belt of leather is finished with square buckle or ornamental slides.

A house dress with the new belt of leather made satin cloth, trimmed with self-covered buttons with wide folds at the side front of the skirt, which continue on the bodice, running over the shoulders to the waist-line at the back, would be quite pleasing.

The sleeves, loose fitting at the top, would be brought in to the arms with tab and button decorations, the points from the wrists coming well over the hands.

A practical possession for house wear is one of the new frocks in tulle, draped on the bodice with fine lace, the lace being gathered into a belt of patent leather. In one dress of this kind the skirt is made in three-quarter style, each section being outlined with a ruching of the tulle. The dress is belted in at the waist with black patent leather.

The Breakfast Robe.

Breakfast robes are being made in most ornate style with flouncings and ruchings of lace, adorned with satin rosebuds. The dresses are completed by shoes to match, and dainty little caps of lace adorned with flowers.

A charming version of the breakfast toilette has recently been seen. The foundation of the dress was white satin, veiled with pink nylon and flounced with lace. A series of flowers caught up the lace flouncings, and the cap, en suite, had a frill of lace framing the face prettily, with clusters of the flowers at the sides.

Some of the simple frocks are filled in at the throat with folds of tulle in V-shape, while others are made with high transparent collars of the tulle edged along the top with a narrow band of satin. Satin, after tulle, is the principal material for the house frock this season, and there are charming little dresses in crepes of silky weave, trimmed with lace and satin folds.

In length the skirt of the house frock touches the ground all the way round, and the sleeves are long to the wrists.

QUAINT FANCIES.

Tassels are having quite a vogue, and on a pelisse of rose-scarlet chiffon velvet recently seen—they were composed of silver beads, while the other furbelows were ruffles of fine gray lace and buttons of crystal set in silver.

Another fancy, and one that it will be agreed is quite quaint and pretty, is to have the gumpie that is the almost invariable accompaniment of the gown for day wear embroidered in ribbon, in the centre of the front, with a posy of favourite flower. The colour, of course, should be chosen to suit the frock. The habit of wearing a posy in the dress, quite close to the throat, was begun in 1553, in the time of Queen Mary. It is appropriate that it should be revived now. But as a stiff little nosegay would be somewhat "bumpy" on the kimono corsage of to-day, embroidery may be commended.

But the seeker after individual fashions has many pleasant hours before her, studying the quaintly devised costumes of the ladies and the picturesque and sometimes ludicrous—attire of the men, and she will find many quaint and pleasing fashions awaiting her pleasure.

SLIPPERS AT £500 A PAIR.

Every age has its faddist whose idea is to see how much money can be spent on turning out some utterly useless article, possibly of inferior quality, but of fabulous value, and to-day the palm would seem to be awarded to a famous

Paris bootmaker, who has succeeded after months of labour in producing a pair of slippers covered with the plumage of the golden pheasant, quite unsuitable to be worn, and priced at £500!

Such frank ideas are not absolutely unknown, but a great authority on the footwear of the best women in Society says that vulgarity always kills any fashion among the best class of people. The Coronation was responsible for the re-introduction of the buckle shoe, and this season all shoes will have wide buckles, in the case of evening shoes of paste, so cut that it will not tear the dress.

The fashionable satin for dresses is so fine that shoes cannot be made of it and in consequence the bootmakers are thrown back on brocade for this purpose. The brocade costs one shilling an inch, and is very beautifully woven with gold or silver thread, and the slipper generally decked with a paste star. Gold shoes tarnish quickly and are somewhat vulgar, so the newest gold shoes have the front part of gold covered with gold lace, a very pretty suggestion for a dainty foot.

A JEWEL NOVELTY.

A new and very charming jewel effect that should not be overlooked by those who count themselves thoroughly up to date in all the elegances of dress, has been introduced by a well-known woman of fashion since the recent order for Court mourning has been issued. The lady in question scored no small success when she made her appearance at an afternoon party wearing an all black toilette, inside the high band of which was slipped a single row of diamonds mounted in the same flexible style that pearls are threaded, and worn so that only a couple of inches of the necklet actually showed, the beautiful brilliant stones emerging from the top of the collar producing a most striking effect.

TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

Waffles.

This is a form of batter cake which is very delicious, and quite easy to make, as waffle irons for the frying are now obtainable.

Ingredients.—Half a pound of flour, one teaspoonful of good baking-powder, a pinch of salt, the grated rind of a small lemon, two eggs, three-quarters of a pint milk.

Method.—Sift the flour and add to it the salt and lemon rind. Beat the yolks of the eggs, and mix them smoothly with the flour, adding the milk gradually. Whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth. Stir this lightly to the mixture, and add the baking-powder the last thing. Have the waffle iron hot and buttered, pour in a little batter, fry crisp and brown on both sides. Avoid putting too much batter at one time into the waffle iron, or the waffles will not possess the delicious crispness that should characterize them. The iron should be re-buttered and made hot before each fresh supply for batter is put in.

SMUGGLING BY MOTOR CAR.

On the Franco-Belgian Frontier.

The Paris correspondent of the London "Daily Mail," Mr. G. Valentine Williams, writes in his paper as follows in connection with smuggling across the Franco-Belgian frontier:—

The motor-car has become the indispensable accessory to the modern criminal. London, Paris, and New York have had in turn a succession of audacious bank and jewel robberies executed with the aid of taxicabs or motor cars. And the motor car is revolutionising another branch of crime, one of the most ancient forms of criminal activity in the world—namely, smuggling.

The Franco-Belgian frontier has long been the happy hunting-ground of the smuggler. Smuggling, amateur and professional, is practised to an extraordinary extent. Owing to the abnormally high duties on tobacco, this commodity is the principal object of the smuggling trade, but coffee and spirits are also introduced in a hundred ingenious ways. An extraordinary collection of various objects hanging in the Customs Museum at Lille, which I visited in the course of a trip I have just made to the Franco-

Belgian frontier, gives an eloquent idea of the tricks employed by a generation of smugglers now fast passing away. There are chairs, brushes, pitchforks, masons' hods, widow's mourning bonnets, wheelbarrows, saws and even boots, all hollowed out for storing away tobacco. There are stacks of Government papers, concealing a zinc tobacco receptacle, hollow roulette wheels for coffee, and workmen's drinking cans with only a few inches of liquor in the cork, the rest of the tin being intended for tobacco. There is a whole series of spiked armour, spiked collars and harness furnished with a number of sharp spurs, worn by the dogs trained by the smugglers to dash across from Belgium into France by night, and thus protected against the dogs sent in pursuit by the French excise men. The smugglers train these dogs by treating them with persistent brutality in Belgium and with every kindness in France, so that the moment a dog is released he makes straight for the refuge in France, where he knows carresses and delicacies await him.

In the course of many talks I had with the courteous, tenacious French douaniers—a splendid type of French official, faithful, devoted, and magnificently courageous—I heard strange stories of the extraordinary devices employed by these smugglers of the old school. A captain of douaniers told me that when he was on duty in the Ardennes an entire funeral procession came across the frontier—beasts with the coffin buried in wreaths, acolytes with lighted candles, weeping relatives, and even the cure in his soutane and surplice. But when, despite the lacrymose indignation of the bereaved family, my friend insisted on opening the coffin, he found that the dead departed was simply several hundred pounds of Belgian tobacco.

"Kings of Contraband."

But times have changed. The countryfolk along the straggling frontier of the department of the Nord, stretching from Dunkirk to Valenciennes, still engage, it is true, in smuggling, but the professional smugglers, recruited in low taverns in lonely places on Belgian territory, are no longer adventurous poachers, but simply criminals, refugees from the French penal settlements, ex-convicts, desperate men, willing to take any risk to earn large sums of money without much trouble. They are seldom the principals. They are merely the employees of dark figures who keep in the background and who are in possession of the large funds required for carrying on the contraband traffic on a large scale. The French Customs people know all about these kings of contraband, many of whom have been able to retire to villas at Ostend or the south of France with large fortunes amassed by this illicit traffic.

They have regular stables of fast horses for "rushing" the douane station, and of dogs for solitary excursions by night; a splendidly organised spy service in France for watching the movements of the Customs men and giving timely warning of raids, and a whole network of receiving stations in the mining districts of France, where the contraband tobacco is sold.

The coming of the motor-car is rapidly changing the old methods of smuggling. The petite contrabande is diminishing yearly, while la grande fraude, according to the Customs statistics, is mounting by leaps and bounds. Contraband raids with motor cars were first practised in the vicinity of Dunkirk and Valenciennes about three years ago, but it is only within the last two years that the "phantom autos," as they are called in the district, began to make their appearance in the rich and densely populated triangle enclosed in the three great manufacturing towns of Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing. The Great Northern Boulevard.

The advent of the smuggling car in the Lille district is due to a particular circumstance. The three towns are joined by a superb boulevard—known as Le Grand Boulevard du Nord—a magnificent high road 180 feet broad with a splendid surface. The Grand Boulevard runs straight through to Lille, a distance of seven and a half miles, which the tramway covers in twenty-five minutes, with a

branch forking off to Tourcoing. It is an ideal motor road, such curves as there are being wide; there is little traffic, and cars can safely travel at full speed the entire length of the chaussée. When it is pointed out that another road running parallel to the Grand Boulevard, and easily accessible to it, enables a man acquainted with the lie of the land to dodge the Lille cordon, it will be seen that this great highway running from the Belgian frontier clear into France is an ideal route for the modern smuggler comfortably ensconced in a high power motor-car.

The new system is all to the advantage of the large scale contraband-runner. It does away with the costly and risky system of relays of smugglers, since a big car can carry a cargo of tobacco or matches from the centre of Belgium well into the heart of France; it enables the contraband runner to smuggle large quantities at a time, and therefore to buy cheaper, and it practically does away with the risks of infidelity among the contraband-runner's employees. Before the day of the motor-car the premium of 40 per cent. granted by the Customs on the value of the contraband to the informer often proved an irresistible bait. A scribbled note handed under cover of darkness to a douanier, bidding the excise man to be at a certain place at a certain hour, sufficed for a smuggler, tiring of his life of adventure, to come into possession of a respectable sum of money. But to-day the contraband-runner has only to give his chauffeur instructions to drive the smuggling car from a certain place in Belgium to a certain place in France with orders to go straight through any obstacles en route. At the first halt in France, a telegram awaits the chauffeur with fresh instructions and so on from place to place, so that the driver is kept in continual ignorance of his ultimate destination. The general expense of these motorcar raids, once the initial outlay for the car has been met, is far less than under the old system. The Customs authorities are almost powerless to hold up these contraband cars, and the smugglers' profits are so large that the traffic is increasing yearly in volume.

AN APE'S "AT HOME."

Quaint Luncheon Party.

If it had not been for the cameras everything would have gone merrily as a marriage-bell at a small and early luncheon given recently by Consul, that distinguished and much-travelled chimpanzee. But Consul profoundly dislikes being photographed. It is not only the glassy eyes of the lenses turned on him in the midst of a comfortable cigar which upsets his equanimity, but the mystery of their purpose, the flash of the magnesium-powder afterwards, the resulting clouds of smoke, are more, in his opinion, than any rational ape can be expected to stand, and of this there was a striking proof recently when Consul, on a few days' visit to the Palladium, had invited some fellow chimpanzee artists, now in London, to meet him at the Waldorf Hotel.

For one reason or another Koffo, a small specimen of the race, was the only directly invited guest to arrive, though quite fifty members of ordinary, everyday humanity were present. Consul came in, wearing a yellow overcoat and a felt hat, tipped over his left eye. He threw away his gloves, and set down at once in an armchair by the fire, while Mr. Frank Bostock sang his praises. Consul had heard it all before. He knew the praise was well deserved, but it bored him, and when a passing waiter, with some whisky and soda-water, failed to attend to his signals, he tipped his hat over the other eye and signed to Mr. Bostock to get through as quickly as possible.

The luncheon which followed was more interesting. Consul sat alone at the head of a long table, and humanity sat in a respectful circle about him. His table manners are easy and unaffected; he becomes one who has travelled 200,000 miles in six years, who has been an honoured guest at White House, Washington, and given that great

hunter, ex-President Roosevelt, a handshake that took him several days to get over. He played with grapes and biscuits, and made several speeches between the courses, but it was not until the Burgundy and cigars came on that Consul really blossomed out. Then he was as happy as an ape with an easy conscience and a large income deserves to be, and, lying back in his chair, smoked and took epicurean sips of his wine with manifest satisfaction.

Some one presently passed round a photograph of himself in a state of fur, and this inspired Consul so much that he made another long speech, in the vernacular, which a friend said was all about the great things he had seen and done, and which sounded very nice indeed. Then there was more conversation, during which the chimpanzee lit a second cigar and unostentatiously substituted his own for Mr. Bostock's glass of claret, the latter containing a rather greater portion of wine than his own. Later on a second ape came in, one only a third of Consul's huge bulk and strength. But here was someone he felt at once in perfect accord with him, someone who could understand when spoken to.

It was pretty to see his delight in the little stranger. He kissed and petted her; stroked her hair and hands, till at last his approval grew embarrassing. Taking the small chimpanzee in to his arms, he pressed her to his heart, and opened a huge, pink mouth over her in what was presumably a smile of unutterable affection. The smaller chimpanzee, rising to the occasion with great wit and modesty, thereon renched out, and, seizing a ham-sandwich from a neighbouring dish, a big sandwich with plenty of mustard on it, pushed the whole of it in one piece into Consul's gaping mouth, and during the inevitable silence which followed wriggled free of his clasp, and sought Mr. Bostock's kindly chaparroneage. They were photographed together later on, and the little ape was greatly frightened by the flash-light. Consul, who was also alarmed, though he would not show it, patted her encouragingly on the back, and then—turning to the offending camera—for one moment the fire of the primordial forest burst redly in his deep-set eyes, and as much of the stiff black beast hair as could be seen above his No. 18 linen collar bristled with smothered rage. He said nothing, but five minutes later, when no one was expecting it, he slipped from his chair, went over to the camera, and with a single stroke of his enormous fist laid it in fragments on the carpet.

After that Consul put on his yellow overcoat and felt hat very deliberately, slipped half a programme and another ham-sandwich into his pocket while no one was looking, made a pleasant little valedictory speech, and sauntered off gaily to his motor-car, with the obvious conviction that the luncheon had been a marked success.

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BUYING MONEY.

Shortly, it is to be presumed, there will be made available statistics showing the actual cost of the coal strike, which is apparently over to all intents and purposes. It will take time to ascertain the ultimate cost, as in many directions it will not cease with the resumption of work, but the primary figures in regard to wages lost and union funds expended should soon be available. It is possible, without knowing the exact figures, to affirm that the experience has been a very costly one to the working miners. The blow has fallen heaviest upon those who had by the exercise of thrift saved something out of their wages. It may easily be believed that many thousands of the miners had by self-denial created a little nest egg for use in time of stress or sickness. Such men would drop their tools unwillingly, while the thriftless, with nothing to lose, would favour a strike, looking upon it as a prolonged holiday during which they would be paid—out of the unions' accumulated funds—for doing nothing. The latter type of men would not trouble to look beyond the present; the fact that the unions' funds would become more and more depleted the longer the strike continued would not appeal to them.

We believe that there was a large amount of justice in the demands made by the men. Many of the Home papers admit that there were genuine grievances that called for redress. But, that being granted, it is difficult to see wherein the men have profited by their idleness for the past four or five weeks. True the principle of the minimum wage has been recognised by an Act of Parliament, but that recognition will not compensate for the direct loss of wages and accumulated savings. The problem is one of simple arithmetic. A man, say, is earning twenty shillings a week and considers that he should receive twenty-two. He goes on strike and at the end of five weeks he is granted the extra two shillings a week. He is then one hundred shillings out of pocket, and he must consequently work for fifty weeks before he begins to get any advantage from the extra remuneration. In the course of fifty weeks, a year to all intents and purposes, lots of things may happen. He may lose his employment or fall ill—in which case he not only gains nothing from having gone on strike, but is actually worse off than he would otherwise have been. There are circumstances, sometimes which seem almost to justify a strike, but the fact remains that it is as dangerous a weapon to those who use it as to those against whom it is used. Striking for better wages is often buying money at a high premium.

DAY BY DAY.

Many a man with genius hasn't commonsense enough to use it.

To-day's Paper.

Some particulars in regard to the great Scottish iron "combine" will be found on page 7. Woman's World and an article on smuggling by motor car appear on page 3 and Home and local sport will be found on page 10.

The body of a child who died from smallpox has been found dumped at Yau-mat.

Six months' hard labour was awarded a Chinese who returned from banishment, at the Police Court to-day.

A youth who stole a silver watch was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment at the Magistracy this morning.

The three men, who have been arrested on a charge of stealing a junk at Shamshui have been remanded until April 11.

The man Picard who is charged with forging a cheque on the Yokohama Specie Bank for \$120, has again been remanded until to-morrow.

For bringing two dead pigs into the Colony from Sanchun a Chinese was fined twenty-five dollars at the Magistracy this morning.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., inform us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending March 23, amounted to 31,782.00 tons, and the sales during the period to 34,115.90 tons.

A boy of about fourteen years of age appeared at the Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing a quantity of brass screws from the Naval Yard. He was sentenced to ten strokes of the birch and forty-eight hours' detention.

The relatives of a dying Chinese were anxious to get the man back to his native country before he expired and to do so they endeavoured to move him to one of the Canton boats. However he died on the way and the body has been removed to the mortuary.

Hongkong Schools' Sports.
The Hongkong Schools' sports will be held on Monday, April 22, at the Race Course.

Stock Exchange.
Messrs. Wright and Hornby give the following as quotations on the Stock Exchange to-day:—Banks \$850, Humphreys' Estate \$7 1/2, Cements \$5, Steamboats \$26 1/2, Docks \$44 1/2.

Gen. Baden Powell.

The Baden Powell Boy Scouts Association at Shanghai received a private telegram from Yokohama on April 4 to the effect that General Baden Powell will visit Shanghai and will stay one day, leaving there by the N.D.L. steamer Lautzow.

Marine Court.

The master of the steam launch Vintor was summoned to appear before the Magistrate at the Marine Court, to-day, for lying alongside the s.s. Nubia in such a manner as to prevent access of other vessels thereto on the 3rd inst. The hearing was adjourned.

A similar charge against the master of the steam launch Wo Shun was withdrawn.

A Chinese hawk was sentenced to two months' hard labour at the Marine Court, to-day, for being on board a steamer without permission.

Stowaways on a Japanese Ship.

The s.s. Yawata Maru arrived in port recently with seven Chinese stowaways on board, whom the Captain found in the fore peak water tank of the vessel as she was going down the coast of Queensland, and they appeared in the Police Court on a charge of stowing away to-day.

As the men had subsequently paid a portion of their passage the steamship company withdrew the charge against them, but a Japanese seaman who is alleged to have aided and abetted them in their act is to be sent back to his native country where he will be dealt with by the authorities.

Last year there were 16,884 in-patients at the London Hospital, against 15,275 in 1910; out-patients numbered 233,555, against 222,822 in 1910. The income, £110,559, was £8,500 less than in 1910.

The Paris police have confiscated to the Seine over fifteen miles of improper cinematograph films which had been seized. The operation gave rise to an amusing incident, a zealous member of the river police attempting to summon an inspector for "polluting" the stream.

On the beach at Atherfield, Isle of Wight, a red sealed tin has been picked up. On the outside were the words: "Casquets Post. Letter inside. Please post. Thank you." Letters were found inside and were posted. The tin came from the Casquets Light-house, Channel Islands.

At the Police Court this afternoon before Mr. D. Melbourne a Chinese Li Sang was charged on remanded with throwing a quantity of corrosive fluid over a blind girl Tong Kam with the intent to do her grievous bodily harm on April 2. It is alleged that the defendant threw sulphuric acid over her, but fortunately it missed her face but burned her neck and shoulders. The defendant, who was represented by Mr. W. Crowther Smith, Mr. E. Davidson prosecuting—was remanded.

A correspondent of the "Perak Pioneer" writes. The local Javanese ayces have the germ of horse racing in their heads. In the absence of the 'kudus' to indulge in the 'Royal Sport' they, with a rare ingenuity, utilize the town drains to run their races. That is to say that they have pieces of wood cut in equal weight which they float in the drain and the 'backer' of the piece of wood which leads the rest wins. The wager, we understand, ranges from 10 cents to a dollar per 'race' and the excitement is great.

The Yacht Semiramis.

The yacht Semiramis, under the command of Captain E. H. Chessor, arrived at Manila on April 3. Readers will recollect that the Semiramis was chartered by Mrs. W. B. Leeds who invited a party to accompany her on a trip round the world. In the party are the Duke and Duchess of Manchester. The Duchess was Miss Helena Zimmerman, daughter of Eugene Zimmerman, a railroad magnate of Ohio. Other guests are Lordes Falconer and Lascalles and Lady Sarah Wilson. Every member of the party save the Duke of Manchester, was in good health and spirits when they landed in Manila despite two days of heavy weather on the trip from the Celebes. The Duke was suffering from a slight attack of malaria.

BIG THEFT OF CABLE

Sequel to a Fire

On Sunday the Water Police received information that a stone junk, to which a certain amount of suspicion was attached, was lying off Taikokien, and, as a result, an inspection was made of the vessel. On boarding her the police found that she had on board a 300-lb. anchor and 270 feet of anchor cable valued in all at about \$300. The master of the craft failed to accept satisfactorily for possession of the goods and he and his crew were arrested and the junk taken charge of by L. S. Willis. Examination of the chain revealed certain marks which identified it as belonging to the Kowloon Godown Company, who eventually claimed it. Enquiries then elicited the fact that the goods had been stolen from the lighter Yathow, which it will be remembered was burnt to the water's edge with a cargo of kerosene on board last August off Tsing I Island. The master of the junk was sentenced at the Magistracy to-day to three months' imprisonment for the theft, while the rest of the crew were discharged.

WEDDING.

Bowley-Edwards.

An extremely pretty wedding took place this afternoon in St. John's Cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. Francis B. Lyon Bowley, of Messrs Donnys and Bowley and formerly Crown Solicitor for the Colony, and Miss Ethel Bronwen Edwards, daughter of Mrs. Edwards of the Peak Hotel.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. H. L. Donnys, was attired in a charming creation by Madame Marrietta of London. The confection was carried out in white satin charmeuse with pearl trimming. The skirt had a panel effect on one side while the long satin train was fastened to the right shoulder and the waist. The handsome old lace veil which she wore was worn by her mother at her own wedding. The bride's bouquet consisted of a beautiful sheaf of white lilies.

The four bridesmaids, the Misses Vivienne Donnys, E. Scott Harston, B. Harvey and Sheila McMunn, wore little white satin frocks down to their feet, trimmed with silver. Their hats were small Juliet caps carried out in the same colour scheme as the dress while they carried wands with bouquets of violets and pink roses tied with a broad mauve and pink ribbon.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson, cousin of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. T. T. Johnson, with Mr. Denman Fuller, the cathedral organist, at the organ.

After the service a reception was held at "Belvedere," 120 The Peak, after which the happy couple left for Japan, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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are the following:—
H. E. Sir Frederick Lugard and Lady Lugard—silver cruets.
Captain and Mrs. Addison—lacquer salad bowl; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster—silver toastracks; Mr. and Mrs. Aston—silver toilet service; Mrs. and Miss Aston—cane basket—Dr. Dalmahoy Allen—silver salt cellars; Hon. Mr. F. J. Badoley, Hon. Mr. C. Mol. Messer, Mr. J. R. Wood and Mr. C. D. Melbourne—silver bowl; Mr. J. Barton—crystal jug; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Barton—embroidered tea cloth; Capt. and Mrs. C. J. Banton—inkpot; Mr. A. Beattie and M. P. Beattie—silver vases; Mr. Francis Banton—silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Beath—silver menu holders; Capt. and Mrs. H. I. Black and Misses Robinson—biscuit box; Dr. and Mrs. Black—liqueur cups and stand; Dr. and Mrs. Bell—ivory frame; Mr. and Mrs. Blanch—bronze vase; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird—silver coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bird—silver dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Bonnar—silver tea knives; Mrs. Bowdler—silver vases; Capt. and Mrs. Bowen—embroidered table cloth; Mr. A. Bryer—blackwood and silver tray; Mrs. Bowley—dining room clock; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bowley—bedspread; Mr. C. W. Buyers—crystal dish; Mr. C. Browne—silver finger bowl; Miss L. Bryer—silver photo frame; Mr. J. M. Beck—silver pin box; Mr. W. L. Carter—silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Olsham and Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe—silver sauce bowls; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Churchill—brass tray; Dr. Clark—blackwood stool; Mr. and C. Clement—picture; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Craddock—silver sweet dish; Mr. Crewe—silver finger bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cooke—embroidered tea cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Crofton—clock; Dr. J. H. Coole (Fochow)—lacquer and napkin ring; Master Denis Crofton—pen case; Chinese Staff (Donnys and Bowley)—silver centrepiece; Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham—silver tea strainer; Mr. G. Dallin—silver inkstand; Dr. and Mrs. David (Pontypridd)—brooch; Hon. Mr. Rees Davis—silver dish; Mr. Edgar David—son—silver finger bowl; Mr.

and Mrs. H. L. Donnys—silver fruit dishes and table glass; Mr. H. L. Donnys, Junior—silver sweet dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Donnys—silver bowl; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. T. Davis, present; Mr. and Mrs. Dawley, candlesticks; Mrs. Davis (Bryngolwg), silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Dymond (Hereford), old china; Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, silver cruets; Mrs. Edwards (Fidw Har), cheque; Mr. W. Edwards, Mr. O. T. Edwards and Mr. A. Edwards—brooch; Capt. and Mrs. Engledue—jewel box; Mr. Edges—silver sweet dishes; Miss Eyro—embroidered tea cloth; Tenants of Fodw Har Estate—silver bowl; Mr. H. G. Fisher—silver vases; Dr. Fitzwilliams—silver dishes; Mr. Denman Fuller—book; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths (Morthyr)—cheque; Capt. and Mrs. Guthrie—embroidered tea cloth; Mr. and Miss Gibbs—barograph; Hon. Mr. H. J. Gompertz—bronze lantern; Mr. and Mrs. Gale—embroidered tea cloth; G. F. S. (Llywedd)—prayer book; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hallifax—blackwood stands; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock—silver cruets; Mr. and Mrs. Reader Harris—silver crumb scoop; Dr. and Mrs. Montagu Harston—silver sauce boat; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Harston—silver cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Harvey—brass lanterns; Colonel Gordon Hall—cruet stand; Mr. C. N. Hamilton—silver cruets; Rev. and Mrs. Hocking—Hainan ware; Capt. and Mrs. Harvey—brass tray; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hogg—silver toast racks; Mr. H. K. Holmes—gold pencil vase; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hodgson—silver menu holders; Mr. and Mrs. Hornby—bronze vases; Miss Inness—blackwood frames; Colonel and Mrs. Irwin—vase; Mr. F. R. Johnson, Miss Johnson and brothers—sleeve links; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson and the Misses Johnson—cigar box; Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson—silver butter dish and frame; Rev. F. T. Johnson—silver salt cellars; Rev. and Mrs. Richard Jones (Traynon)—book; Dr. and Mrs. Jordan—travelling clock; Mr. Janssen—silver scent bottle; Mr. and Mrs. Kemp—clock; Major and Mrs. Lyddon—silk tea cloth; Mr. E. Lyddon (Penarth)—present; Mr. and Mrs. Lang—silver inkstand; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Logan—silver salt cellars; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Libeand—engraving; Mr. and Mrs. Layton—bronze vases; Mr. and Mrs. Lenek—silver dishes; Mr. Li Ping—blackwood flower stands; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones—brass flower pot; Mr. and Mrs. Looker—barometer, thermometer and clock; Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Macdonald—silver cake knife; Miss Major—embroidered satin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. D. Macdonald—cruet stand; Mr. and Mrs. F. Maitland—silver inkstand and pen; Rev. A. O. Moreton—fruit dish; Dr. O. Marriott—cheque; Mr. J. M. Macdonald—silver umbrella handle; Mrs. K. Walter Morgan (Cardiff)—fish carvers; Miss M. Monteith—silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Moxon—silver cruets; Capt. and Mrs. McMunn—bedspread; Mr. L. R. Needham—silver finger bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Newall—picture; Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet—silver menu holders; Dr. and Mrs. Noble—silver dishes; Mr. E. Osborne—blackwood tea table; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ough—bedspread; Sir Francis Piggott—ice plates; Mr. and Mrs. Porfoot—worked bag; Mr. and Mrs. Phelps—crystal stand; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pollock—silver entree dishes; Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Potts—silver sandwich basket; Mr. and Mrs. Burns Pyle—pendant; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pattenden—present; Mr. and Mrs. Ram—blackwood stand; Mrs. Siches and Mrs. Robertson—silver photo frame; Mrs. Sadler and Miss S. Matthews (Rhodes)—lace shawl; Lieutenant and Mrs. Stainer—silver menu holders; Col. and Mrs. Miss St. John—silver menu holders; Mr. W. E. L. Shenton—silver finger bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Sandbrook—silver toastracks; Dr. and Mrs. Sanders—lace doyleys; Captain and Mrs. Stewart—silver mustard pot; Mr. and Mrs. Stubb—silver bowl; Colonel Stapole—silver umbrella handle; Mademoiselle Schaub—cheque; Major and Mrs. Stewart—silver cheese dish; Mr. M. W. Slade—clock (repeating); Miss Stacey—lace handkerchief; Dr. and Mrs. Stedman—silver salt cellars; Mr. Percy Smith—silver box; Mr. Murray Stewart—silver bowl; Miss Skyp-

POSITION AT SWATOW.

Our Swatow correspondent writes on April 6:—

Since writing last very little of interest has taken place. Six hundred Hakka soldiers who joined Lim after his arrival here, left for Hongkong yesterday on an O.S.K. steamer, but Lim is still here with his men. A meeting of Woo, Lim, and a number of influential merchants takes place this afternoon, at which it is expected some kind of a decision will be reached.

Many gates or barriers are being built across the streets through the native city by residents who seem to be expecting trouble.

Some days ago the 400 or more Hakka soldiers who had for some time been in Chowchowloo, were ordered to leave by the Swatow Chinese who predominate there, and it is reported that these men have travelled into the Hakka district and are in turn preying on Swatow Chinese merchants along the route followed.

Writing on April 8, he says:—

The following is a translation of a notice issued by Woo Shing Tan to-day: "On account of the fight which took place between the two armies at Swatow before, various kinds of business have been very badly affected, and ever since the end of last month shops have been kept closed and no buying or selling has been done in the market; just as if the whole city has past through a big conflagration. On noticing these circumstances, I have been much annoyed and day after day I have been consulting with the commanders of the various troops hereabout the means of reconciliation and adjustment. At last, the time has come when Mr. Lim Kok Ching has promised to despatch all his soldiers back to Canton, and at the same time I am informed by him that Mr. Liang Kwan Sam will do the same thing with his soldiers as he. Hereafter I am sure that there will never be any more fighting. Although at the time when Mr. Lim's soldiers are still encamping here, they are bound to keep this city in its peaceful order. Moreover, I am daily sending my soldiers to be on watch in every street in order that any robbery likely to be committed by bandits may be prevented. I therefore hereby notify you, Merchants, to get your shops opened to-day and get on with your business as usual; and those who have removed to other places are also notified to shift back at once."

The above outlines the present position of affairs here. I understand that there is a disagreement between Lim and the merchants as to the amount of money which should be paid to the former for leaving and sending the above on to you for further work.

THE LUSITANO CLUB SPORTS.

Fortunately the weather held good yesterday afternoon to allow the completion of the programme in the Lusitano Club Sports which took place, before a large attendance on the race course at the Happy Valley. Appended are the results arrived at after we went to press:—

Boys' Race, 120 Yards.—1, T. Castro; 2, G. Veira.

Girls' Race.—1, P. Veira; 2, C. Osmund.

Three Legged Race, 100 Yards.—1, A. M. O. Remodios and N. M. Maher; 2, D. O. Baptista and C. H. Lopes. Time, 14 1-5secs.

Bicycle Race, 2 Miles.—1, F. J. Brown; 2, J. R. Pereira; 3, M. W. Botelho. Time, 8min. 12 2-5secs.

Half Mile Flat Race.—1, Richardson K.O.Y.L.I.; 2, Webb K.O.Y.L.I. Time, 2min. 10 1-5secs.

Flat Race, 100 Yards.—1, J. P. Castro; 2, J. M. R. Pereira. Time, 10 4-5secs.

Boys and Girls' Race, under 7 years.—1, J. Santos; 2, S. Baptista; 3, D. Xavier.

Flat Race, 120 yards Handicap.—1, A. H. Silva; 2, A. E. Silva.

Flat Race, 440 yards, handicap.—1, N. M. Maher, 5 yards; 2, C. H. Lopes, 5 yards; 3, R. P. Luiz, 40 yards. Time 58 1-5secs.

Flat Race, 220 yards, Handicap.—1, J. F. Castro; 2, A. E. Coombes. Time, 23 3-5secs.

Flat Race, 100 yards, for heavy-weights over 170 lbs.—1, J. D. Osmund; 2, P. Rozo.

Sack Race, 50 Yards.—1, J. M. Britto; 2, P. A. Yvanovich.

Girls' Race, under 12 years.—1, B. Castro; 2, B. Leonard.

Flat Race, Half Mile.—1, F. M. Cruz, scratch; 2, J. M. R. Pereira; 3, C. H. Lopes. Time, 2min. 7 4-5secs.

Ladies' Nomination Race.—1, J. M. Britto; 2, J. M. R. Pereira; 3, R. O. Silva.

Team Race, 220 Yards.—1, J. F. Castro, R. F. Luz, P. A. Yvanovich and F. A. Machado; 2, J. M. R. Pereira, A. A. Luz, N. M. Maher and F. J. Barotto.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers Club Billiard Tournament.

Another series of games in the second round of the Soldiers Club Billiard Tournament commenced on Thursday evening last when the Hongkong Volunteers met 83 Company, R. G. A. The first game was between Captain Lammer of the Volunteers and Gunner Weatherall 83 Co., R. G. A. The Volunteer beat the Regular by 122, making breaks of 12 (twice), 13 (twice), 20, 11, 12, and 20. Weatherall's only two-figure breaks being 14 and 10. The second game was played by Sergeant Holliday 83 Co. R.G.A. and Corporal Bullock of the Volunteers. The former won by 30. His highest breaks were 10, 13, 12, (twice), 10 and 11. Corp. Bullock contributing 14 twice, 10, 11, 15 and 13.

Scores:—
83 Company R. G. A.
Gunner Weatherall 128
Sergeant Holliday 250
Hongkong Volunteers.
Captain Lammer 250
Corp. Bullock 220
Play will be resumed to-day.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Hongkong Volunteer Reserves.

The following are the results of the 5th monthly shoot which took place at King's Park Range (500 yards) on Saturday and Sunday, the 6th and 7th instant:—

A Class.
F. Dean 31 pl. 2 egl. 33
E. Abraham 27 pl. 8 egl. 33
J. Simpson 30 pl. 1 egl. 31
W. J. May 27 pl. 4 egl. 31
A. Calvert 30 so. egl. 30
W. J. J. Gast 26 pl. 4 egl. 30
T. Grimshaw 27 pl. 2 egl. 29
G. Gipson 26 pl. 2 egl. 28
B Class.
J. Lynch 31 pl. 8 egl. 39
H. J. Knight 26 pl. 4 egl. 30
R. W. Paley 26 pl. 2 egl. 28

COMPANY REPORTS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at the thirty-ninth ordinary meeting to be held at the Society's offices at noon on Tuesday, April 23, 1912:—

The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on December 31, 1911 and a statement of accounts to the same date.

1910 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of \$30 per share and the bonus of 20 per cent. to Contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$874,204.25 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—

A final dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 12,400 shares ... \$ 248,000.00

An addition to the Sterling Reserve Fund of £10,000 at Exchange 1/10. 5/16 ... 107,563.03

To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1910 ... 518,711.22

\$874,204.25

1911 Account.—The Balance of Working Account on December 31, 1911, was \$2,644,550.27 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$30 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$732,000.00, and that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$250,000.00, and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors:—Since the last General Meeting Mr. E. Ormiston, Mr. C. R. Lenzmann and Mr. G. Balloch have resigned their seats and Mr. W. L. Pattenden of Messrs. Gilman & Co. and Mr. F. H. Armstrong of Messrs. Reiss & Co. have joined the Board.

In accordance with clause 80 of the Articles of Association Mr. Fr. Lieb and Mr. G. Friesland retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—Messrs. W. Hutton Putts and A. R. Lowe retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

Hongkong, April 8, 1912.

Balance Sheet.

December 31, 1911.

To Capital 12,400 Shares of \$250 each equal to \$3,100,000 upon which \$100 per Share called and paid up, \$1,240,000.00

To Reserve Fund.—Silver, \$3,000,000.00 Sterling, equal to \$100,000 1,075,630.25

4,075,630.25

To Re-insurance Fund, \$140,854.01 1,611,880.28

To Underwriting Suspense Account, 235,773.92 384,790.14

To Exchange Fluctuation Account, 222,523.16

To Investment Fluctuation Account, 98,487.17

To Working Account 1910 Balance, 874,204.25

To Working Account 1911 Balance, 2,644,550.27

To Sundry Creditors, 661,864.38

\$11,814,026.40

By Cash with Bankers on Current and Deposit Account.—Silver, ... \$677,440.10

Gold, ... \$120,499.210 \$1,206,125.22

By Investment in Silver Securities, 3,077,571.31

Silver, 309,705.86 Gold, 282,038.148 \$508,704.10

To Mortgages in Hongkong, ... \$1,273,000.00

To Mortgages in Shanghai, ... 1,030,100.34

2,303,100.34

To Office Leases, 28,215.06

\$11,814,026.40

Working Account, 1910. On December 31, 1911.

To net premium ... \$4,140,065.00

To interest ... 518,515.85

\$4,658,580.85

By Agency Commissions ... \$ 112,200.63

By Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges 458,472.16

By Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors ... 30,582.20

By losses and claims paid ... 2,570,972.57

3,172,227.56

By bonus of 20 per cent. paid to contributors ... 240,050.04

By interim dividend of \$30 per share ... 372,000.00

By balance ... 874,204.25

\$4,658,580.85

Working Account, 1911. On December 31, 1911.

To net premium ... \$4,178,792.24

interest ... 526,918.91

\$4,705,711.15

By Agency Commissions ... \$ 94,032.23

By Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges 460,236.63

By Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors ... 27,437.89

By losses and claims paid ... 1,470,448.13

By balance ... 2,644,550.27

\$4,705,711.15

Sterling Exchange taken at 1s. 10 1-2d.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

Hongkong, April 8, 1912.

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the forty-sixth ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's offices at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 1912:—

The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company on December 31, 1911 and a statement of accounts to the same date.

1910 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of \$4 per share and the bonus of 20 per cent. to Contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$428,754.82 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—

A final dividend to shareholders of \$4 per share on 24,000 shares ... \$ 96,000.00

An addition to the Sterling Reserve Fund of \$10,000 at exchange 1-105-10 ... 107,563.03

To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1910 ... 225,191.79

\$428,754.82

1911 Account.—The balance of Working Account on December 31, 1911 was \$1,245,287.24 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$4 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$96,000 and that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$125,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors:—Since the last General Meeting Messrs. E. Ormiston, C. R. Lenzmann and G. Balloch have resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Mr. W. L. Pattenden of Messrs. Gilman & Co. and Mr. F. H. Armstrong of Messrs. Reiss & Co. have joined the Board.

In accordance with Clause 79 of the Articles of Association Mr. Fr. Lieb and Mr. G. Friesland retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—Messrs. H. U. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

Hongkong, April 8, 1912.

Balance Sheet. December 31, 1911.

To Capital 24,000 shares of \$52.33 each equal to \$2,000,000 upon which \$25 per share called and paid up ... \$600,000.00

To Reserve Fund.—Silver, \$800,000.00 Sterling, £15,000 equal to \$101,344.54

901,344.54

To Reinsurance Fund, £42,832.15 60,722.20

To Underwriting Suspense Account, £11,308.19 121,042.58

To Exchange Fluctuation Account ... 68,073.67

To Investment Fluctuation Account ... 70,097.06

To Working Account 1910 Balance ... 428,754.82

To Working Account 1911 Balance ... 1,245,287.24

To Sundry Creditors, 17,325.00

\$3,973,847.86

By Cash with Bankers on Current and Deposit Accounts.—Silver, ... 762,083.30

Gold, £137,864.113 1,482,012.04

By Investments in Silver Securities, 90,102.53

By Investments in Gold Securities including London Leasehold Property, 228,072.00

308,404.70

By Sundry Debtors including Branch & Agency Balances, 22,292.10

Gold ... 20,751.107 104,890.38

\$176,288.110

By Mortgages in Hongkong, \$625,000.00

By Mortgages in Shanghai, \$568,561.01

1,193,591.61

Working Account, 1910. On December 31, 1911.

To Net Premium ... \$2,074,582.77

To Interest ... 180,864.69

\$2,255,447.46

By Agency Commissions ... 59,100.20

By Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges 220,235.99

By Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors ... 15,201.11

By losses and claims paid ... 1,285,485.83

1,586,113.13

By Bonus of 20 per cent. paid to Contributors ... 124,529.51

By Interim Dividend of \$4 per share ... 96,000.00

By balance ... 428,754.82

\$2,255,447.46

Working Account, 1912. On December 31, 1911.

To net premium ... \$2,080,306.08

To interest ... 180,468.63

\$2,275,804.71

Sterling Exchange taken at 1.10 5 1-2d.

H. A. Siebs, Chairman.

G. H. Medhurst, } Directors.
O. Montague Edo, } Secretary.

Auditors' Report.—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company at the Head Office with the Books and Vouchers in Hongkong, and Returns received from the various Branches and Agencies for the year ending December 31, 1911. We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of the Securities for Investments, the Cash at Bankers and on Mortgage to the amount specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

H. U. Jeffries, } Auditors.
A. R. Lowe, c.a., }
Hongkong, April 8, 1912.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Filtration Question.

At the ordinary meeting of the Sanitary Board, held this afternoon, a letter was read from the Government relative to the report of the bacteriological examination of the public water supply for the first quarter of 1912.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley minuted:—The letter from the Colonial Secretary is not a reply to the question propounded, which was "where were the samples in the attached report referred to actually taken?"

Referred back for a categorical reply.

Dr. Fitzwilliams minuted:—"Unsatisfactory" and "extra" are the samples of water reported upon in this correspondence, taken from this point.

The Hon. Director of Public Works:—The following should have preceded the statement made in my minute of 12-3-1912 to the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—"The unfiltered samples were taken from the filter beds and the filtered samples were taken from a point in the main leading from the filter beds to the service reservoir immediately joining the filter beds." The minute should stop at the words stated.

Mr. Edmee Chandon has been appointed assistant astronomer to the Paris Observatory. She is the first woman in France to receive such an appointment.

It is understood that the Indian Marine will undertake the home troop next season. The Haridwar and the Dufferin will be in place of hired transports.

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The ceremony was accordingly started in German by the Mayor and the bride understood; then the Mayor translated the service for the Italian interpreter into English, when the interpreter repeated it in Italian. Then the Italian interpreter, in English, informed the Mayor of the bridegroom's answer, and in German the Mayor repeated it to the bride, Amalia Kaiser.

DON'T FORGET.

Tuesday, April 9.
Auction Sale, Crown Land, P. W. Department, 3 p.m.
Sanitary Board Meeting 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10.
V. R. O. Sports, entries close.
Saturday April 13.
V.R.O. Boxing Tournament.

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Thursday April 18.
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SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Thursday, 18th April, Noon.
MANILA	MAUSANG	Saturday, 20th April, 2 p.m.
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EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 14th APRIL.

The Company's Steamship "SUI AN"

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.

N. B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

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One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SHANGHAI, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	KAGA MARU, Capt. G. Tabusa, T. 7,000 ATSUTA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Daylight WEDNESDAY, 24th April, Daylight.
VIKTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU, Capt. N. Teranaka, T. 7,000 YAWA MARU, Capt. Iizawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon. TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE & BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winckler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sakino, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon. WEDNESDAY, 10th May, Noon.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	MIYAZAKI MARU, Capt. Mura, T. 9,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sakino, T. 5,000	THURSDAY, 11th April, at 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon.
KOBÉ direct	TENSHIN MARU, Capt. T. Hori, T. 4,000	SUNDAY, 14th April.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April.
TAKOW (Formosa)	KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. W. Wade, T. 5,000	SATURDAY, 13th April.

† Cargo only.

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Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

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FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Tabusa	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	J. Nagao	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYAZAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.
KITANO MARU	9,000	F. E. Cope	June 5th.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
SANUKI MARU	7,000	N. Teranaka	April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
SADO MARU	7,000	K. Asakawa	May 7th.
YOKOHAMA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS.	To Sail.
MANILA, OEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	9th April 4 p.m.
WEIHAWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	9th " 4 p.m.
NINGPO & CHINKIANG	"WUHU"	10th " 4 p.m.
TSINGTAU & NEWOHANG	"SHAOSING"	10th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	11th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	18th " 4 p.m.

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. SITHONIA ... 20th April

" ANDALUSIA ... 30th April

" BAYERN ... 10th May.

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For Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 11th April

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. SAOSEN ... 20th April

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS ... 5th May.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. O. F. LAEISZ ... 10th May.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. ARCADIA ... 31st May.

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Hongkong Office. [12]



HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.

PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	4000	S. A. Crosby	Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Manganin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 20th April, 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 1st April, 1912.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tijiawong	JAVA	—	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.
Tijapana	AMOI	2nd half Mar.	JAVA	2nd half Mar.
Tilatap	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Apr.
Tijamcock	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tijibodas	SHANGHAI	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tijarcem	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tijamahi	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.

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For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

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Telephone No. 375 York Building. [15]

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
S.S. "Tomyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.

All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

The triple screw steamer "Shinyo Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

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Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Bayo Maru	10,500	Wednesday, April 10, Noon.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

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LOG BOOK.

A Weird Phenomenon.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have received from their member, Captain H. Bradley, commanding the Wilson Liner

Ariosto, the following account of his curious experience in the Indian Ocean on February 17 last. This information has also

been furnished to the Indian Government Observatory at Bombay. The account reads as follows:—"At 7.30 p.m. on

February 17, 1912, in Lat. 23 deg. 37' N., Long 67 deg. 20' E., 10 miles off the nearest point of land

on the Kutch Coast, also 127 miles N. W. of the town of Dyarka, on the Kathiwar Coast, the weather at the time being

very fine with a clear and cloudless sky, full of stars, sea smooth, wind moderate, breeze from N. W., the s.s. Ariosto, steaming

9.1-2 knots and perfectly steady. We steamed into the most curious and weird atmospheric

phenomena it has been my lot to see in all my 40 years' experience of a sea life. As we

approached it, it had the appearance of breakers on a low beach, but when we got into it at first it

looked like flashes of light (not bright) coming from all directions in quick time. After some few

minutes of this, the flashes assumed a lengthened shape, following quickly one after the

other from the North, and these continued some minutes, steadily veering east and south and S.W.

0448. E. V. JESSEN,
Acting Superintendent.

FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

BRITISH.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Alcority	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. A. Lowndes	Hongkong
Astron	2nd class cruiser	4,300	10	7,000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Shanghai
Atlas	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	—	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Com. E. G. Washington	Kiangsu
Bulwark	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. J. M. Barker	Hankow
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Capt. H. Lynes	Hankow
Cambrian	2nd class cruiser	4,300	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond	Hongkong
Cherub	Water tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Canton
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. E. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. R. R. Rosoman	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	6	3,000	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Kent	Armoured cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Capt. Allen T. Hunt	Chingwantao
Kinsha	River gunboat	616	—	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Hankow
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,070	6	1,400	Capt. F. C. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	11,000	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Gayley	Hongkong
Monmouth	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. L. E. Power, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Comdr. Lambie	Hongkong
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell	Yangtze
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. P. H. Warleigh	Hongkong
Ribble	T.B.D.	590	6	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. S. Tyndall	West River
Rosario	Depotship for submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Touthby	Hongkong
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	305	—	6,000	Lt.-Comdr. Brickenden	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	1,050	6	—	Comdr. Eyres	Hongkong
Tartar	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. H. G. Guy Stopford	Chungking
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. M. Baillie Hamilton	Hankow
Usk	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Blunt	Shanghai
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	390	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Swallow
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	626	—	450	Lt.-Com. R. L. Hancock	Hongkong
Welland	T.B.D.	590	—	57,000	Lt.-Com. E. T. Chambers	Shanghai
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	306	5	5,900	Lt.-Com. G. B. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Comdr. M. H. Wilding	Kiating
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Mulock	Hankow

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No. 30	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey Herbert	West River.
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No. 38	Lt.-Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	West River.
T.B. 035	Lt.-Comdr. Woodward	West River.
T.B. 036	Lt.-Comdr. Davies	West River.
T.B. 037	Lt.-Comdr. Nicol	West River.
T.B. 038	Lt.-Comdr. Seymour	West River.

AMERICAN.

Adder	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Manila
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	17	7,900	Com. C. S. Williams	Yokohama
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
Barry	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	En. Robt. W. Cananess	Manila
Callao	Gunboat	213	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Coker	Canton
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign J. N. McNair	Manila
Chattanooga	Protected cruiser	3,100	10	4,700	Com. John D. McDonald	Amoy
Cleveland	Protected cruiser	3,100	10	4,700	Com. Hugh Rodman	Cavite
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign E. J. Fletcher	Manila
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	8	—	Ensign C. S. Graves	Manila
El Cano	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Com. W. D. Brotherton	Yangtze
Holena	Gunboat	1,397	18	1,800	Com. R. O. Bitter	Yangtze
Juiros	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. J. W. Schoonfeld	Cavite
Mindoro	Gunboat	170	5	—	Lt. C. A. Woodruff	Manila
Moccasin	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Whorff	Manila
Molokai	Station ship	1,900	—	5,244	Ensign Robt. V. Lowe	Manila
Monadnock	—	—	—	—	—	Cavite
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	1	5,200	Com. H. A. Bishop	Cavite
New Orleans	Cruiser	3,430	25	—	Com. William G. Miller	Yokohama
Pampanga	Gunboat	213	8	—	Lt. George C. Pogram	Cavite
Porpoise	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign L. C. Van de Carr	Manila
Quinos	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. J. W. Schoonfeld	Cavite
Rainbow	Cruiser	6,206	14	—	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cavite
Samar	Gunboat	212	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze
Saratoga	Protected cruiser	8,150	25	7,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Jayne	Yokohama
Shark	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Hedy M. Jensen	Manila
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	500	Lt. W. L. Friedell	Yangtze
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,397	20	1,894	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong

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GERMAN.

Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Tsingtau
Onesman	Armoured cruiser	11,000	36	26,000	Captain v. Usslar	Tsingtau
Ilia	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Varselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bondemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze
Scharnhorst	Flagship	11,000	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 00	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lat. Borronborg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Oblt. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Lappe	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lieut. Fehr Fircks	Canton
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Oblt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai

FRENCH.

Duploix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Hongkong
Kleber	1st Class cruiser	9,700	12	19,000	—	Saigon
Decade	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. de Linares	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lt. d'Estienne	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. Biscall	Canton
Polio	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lt. Puteh	Tongka
Esturgeon	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Combet	Saigon
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Marrs	Saigon
Porlo	Submarine	500	—	—	—	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Morris	Saigon
Styx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Seriot	Saigon
Prondo	Destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
d'Herville	Destroyer	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Takou	Destroyer	250	9	—	—	Saigon
Pistolet	Destroyer	150	7	300	Comdr. Mortenol	Hongay
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	6	300	Lt. de la Keranderson	Saigon
Vauban	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lt. Bihel	Hongay
Veteran	Torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Cap. St. Jasques	Saigon
Manche	Surveying ship	1,025	10	9,000	Com. Ragot de Touche	Saigon

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PORTUGUESE.

Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Macao

MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, April 5, 1912.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Meat	Price
Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	1b. 20
„ Corno I, — Ham Ngau Yuk	20
„ Roast, — Shiu	20
„ Breast, — Nagu Lam	16
„ Soup, — Tong Yuk	15
„ Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	20
„ do. — Sirloin Cutom — Ngau Lau	30
„ Sausages, — Ngau Ohung	24
Bullock's Brains, — Know	per set 9
„ Tonguo fresh, — Ngau Li	each 45
„ „ corned, — Ham Ngau Li	60
„ Head, — Ngau Tan	6
„ Heart, — Ngau Sum	12
„ Pump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	18
„ Feet, — Ngau Kask	9
„ Kidneys, — Ngau Yui	9
„ Tail, — Ngau Moi	18
„ Liver, — Ngau Kon	1b. 12
„ Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	6
„ Calve Head & Feet, — Ngau-chai-tau-kark	set \$1
Mutton Chop, — Young Pei Kwat	1b. 22
„ Leg, — Young Pei	22
„ Shoulder, — Young Shau	20
Pigs Chittings, — Chu Chong	22
„ Brains, — Chu Know	per set 24
„ Feet, — Chu Kark	1b. 12
„ Fry, — Chu Chak	25
„ Head, — Chu Tau	15
„ Heart, — Chu Sum	each 13
„ Kidneys, — Chu Yui	9
„ Liver, — Chu Chu	1b. 30
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	20
„ Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	—
„ Leg, — Chu Pei	24
„ Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	15
Sheep Head and Feet, — Young Tau Kark	set 50
„ Heart, — Young Sum	each 6
„ Kidneys, — Young Yui	9
„ Liver, — Young Con	1b. 24
Sucking Pigs, To Order — Chu Chui	22
Suet, Beef — Sang Ngau Yan	20
„ Mutton, — Sang Young Yau	22
„ Veal, — Ngau Chai Yuk	20
„ Sausages, — Ngau Chai Chaug	20

POULTRY.

Poultry	Price
Chicken, — Kai Chai	1b. 32
Capons, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	32
Ducks, — Ap	27
Doves, — Pan Kau	each 24
Eggs, Hen — Kai Tau	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	1b. 35
„ Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	32
Geese, — Ngai	27
Geese, Wild, — Shing-ho Yea Ngai	pair —
Musk Deer, — Wong Keng	each —
Hare, Shanghai, — Tu Chai	70
Partridge, — Che Khoo	pair \$ 1 70
Phasant, — Shan Kai	pair 1 70
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kup	each 30
„ Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kup	25
Quail, — Um Chuan	23
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheut	dozen —
Snipe, — Sa Choy	each 25
Turkeys, Cock, — Phor Kai Kung	1b. 51
„ Hen, — Na	05
Wild Ducks, Shai, — Shang hoi Sui Ap	—
„ Sui Ap Chai	—
Wild Ducks, Canton, — Sang Shing Sui Ap	—

FISH.

Fish	Price
Barbel, — Ka Yu	1b. 9
Bream, — Bin Yu	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	15
Carp, — Li Yu	20
Catfish, — Chik Yu	18
Codfish, — Man Yu	18
Crabs, — Hai	20
Cuttle Fish, — Muk Yu	15
Dab, — Sa Mang Yu	16
Dace, — Wong Moi Lun	11
Dog Fish, — Tit Tu Sa	8
Eels, Congor, — Hoi Mann	15
„ Fresh water, — Tam Sin Yu	51
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sia	28
Frogs, — Tien Kai	32
Garoupa, — Sek Pan	50
Gudgeon, — Pak Kup Yu	12
Herrings, — Tso Pak	18
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kup	28
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	16
Loach, — Wu Yu	28
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	16
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	24
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	28
Mullet, — Chai Yu	15
Oysters, — Sang Hoo	20
Parrotfish, — Kai Kung Yu	10
Perch, — Tau Loo	15
Pike, — Fa Paw Poong	8
Plaice, — Pan Yu	18
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	24
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	28
Pawns, — Ming Ha	45
Ray, — Pai Fa Sa	9
Rock Fish, — Sok Ka Kung	15
Salmon, — Ma Yau Yu	1b. 32

肉食

Meat	Price
Shark, — Sa Yu	9
Skate, — Po Yu	10
Shrimps, — Ha	22
Snapper, — Lap Yu	24
Soles, — Tat Sa Yu	20
Tench, — Wan Yu	18
Turbot, — Cho Hoi Yu	20
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	56
White B. t., — Ngau Yu Chai	—

FRUITS.

Fruit	Price
Almonds, — Hung Yau	1b. 23
Apples (California) — Kam San Ping Kho	15
„ (Chofoo) — Tin Chun Ping Kho	—
„ Small, — Hoi Tong	—
„ Castard, — Fan Lai Chai	each —
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heung Chiu	1b. 3
„ (brides), Meaco, — San Heung Chiu	—
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Foong Lut	15
Carambola, — Yeung Tuo	—
Cocanuts, — Yeh Tso	each 12
Lemons, China, — Ning Moong	8
„ America, — Kam San Ning Moon	6
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	b. 25
„ Fresh	—
Limes, (Saigon) — Sai Kung Ning Moong	each —
Mango, Manila, — Lai Sung Mong	10
Mangosteens, — San Chuk Tso	1b. 6
Oranges, (Canton) — San-shing Tim Ching	13
„ Sweet	—
Pears, (American), — Kam San Sho A Lay	10
„ (Canton), Cooking, — Sa Lay	10
Peanuts, — Fa Sang	10
Persimmons Large, — Hung Chio	—
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Poon Ti Paw Law	each —
„ 2nd	—
Plantain, — Tai Chou	1b. —
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	—
Pumelo, Siam, — Chin Lo Yau	each 14
„ Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	—
Walnuts, — Hop Tuo	1b. 15
„ Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	—
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kam San Sai Kwa	each —
„ (China) Sai Kwa	—
Grapes, — Sang Po Tai Tso	1b. 25

菓子

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, —Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb	8	丁蘭竹
Cheuk			門邊豆
Beans, (French), Macao, —Oh Moon Pin Tau	10		
„ (French), Shanghai, —Sheung Hoi Pin			
„ Tau	—		上海豆
„ Sprout, —Ah Cho	3		韭菜
„ Long, —Tau Ko	1		菜角
Beet Root, —Hung Choi Tau	each	2	紅菜頭
Brijials, Green, —Ching Yuan	6		莧菜
„ Red, —Hung Ker	5		紅茄
Cabbage, Chinese, com. —Kai Choy	10		芥菜
Cabbage Red, —Hung Yea Choy	10		紅柳菜
Cabbage, Shanghai, —Yeh Choi	—		菜
Cano Shoots, bunch, —Kai Shun	lb.	1	脆筍
Cauliflower, Large size, —Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each	15	大佛菜花
„ Medium size, —Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	10		中佛菜花
„ Small size, —Sai Yen Choi Fa	8		細佛菜花
Carrots, —Kam Shum	lb.	6	金筍
Celery, Chinese, —Tong Kan Choi	8		芹芹
„ English, —Yung Kan Choi	5		洋芹
Chillies Dried, —Gon Lat Chiu	20		乾辣椒
„ Red, —Hung Far Chiu	10		紅花
„ Green, —Ching Lat Chiu	15		青
Curry Stuff, English, —Kar Leo Chu Liu	10		茄厘財
Cucumbers, —Ching Kwa	2		青瓜
Ritter Squash, —Fu Kwa	—		苦瓜
Garlic, —Que Tau	8		蒜頭
Ginger, young, —Tong Tso Keung	6		新子
„ old, —Lo Keung	8		老
Horse Radish, Shanghai, —Lik Kan	10		力根
Indian Corn, —Suk Mai	each	5	粟米
Lettuce, —Yeung Sang Choi	1		洋生菜
Water Chesnuts, —Mn Tai	lb.	5	馬蹄
„ Mandarin, —Kwai Lum Ma Tai	6		桂林馬蹄
Mushrooms, Fresh, —Sang Cho Koo	—		生草菇
Mush Melon. Amor. —Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	—	金山
Okroos, —	b	—	—
Onions Bombay, —Yeung Chong Tau	10		洋葱頭
„ Green, —Sang Chong	5		生蔥頭
„ Shanghai, —Shang-hoi Chong Tau	8		上海蔥頭
Papaw, 1st qual, —Tai Mon Sau Kua	each	—	大蕉
„ 2nd Chung	—		中蕉
Paraley, —Kun Cho	5		蔴荳
Green Peas, —Ching Tau	lb.	8	青豆
Potatoes, Sweet, —Fan Shu	3		薯仔
„ Shanghai, —Shang-hoi Shu Tsa	3		上海薯仔
„ Japan, —Yat Poon Shu Tsa	—		—
„ American, —Pa Ki Shu Tsa	8		花旗
„ Foochow, —Foo-chow Shu Tsei	—		州福
Pumpkin, —Tong Kwa	3		冬瓜
Radish, —Hung Lo Pak Tsei	1		紅蘿蔔
Rhubab (fresh), —Tai Wong	—		大蘆
Sage, —Tso So	—		紫蘇
Shallots, —Gon Chung Tau	8		葱
Spinach, —Yin Choi	4		—
Tomatoes, —Fan Ker	6		—
Taros, —Wu Tau	6		—
Turnips, Panti, (Long), —Lo Pak	3		蘿蔔
„ English, —Yeung Lo Pak	2		—
Vegetable Ma-row, —Chit Kwa	—		—
„ (American), —Kam-san Chit Kwa	—		—
Water Cress, —Sai Yeung Cho	8		山節
„ Lily root, —Lin Ngau	5		蘭菜
Yams, —Ta Khu	5		蓮藕

